

of his Church. If he owns slaves it is his house
servants; & no one but an intimate in the family
would be likely to know whether these were hired
or owned. If I learn that they are owned I will
let you know.

I cannot learn that there are any others going
from this vicinity. If others are appointed

Accordingly, if I can serve you in
any way - at any time, I hope you will
freely draw upon me. I love the cause
of the slave & it is but little I can do
for him; that little shall always be
done with a cheerful heart.

Yours truly W. C. Bradley

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Baltimore, June 12

1846.

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I will inform you.

I have written this while suffering from a severe
attack of sick headache, & hope you will make
due allowance for its crude state.

The absence of my brother-in-law from the city
~~till~~ this week, is my apology for not attending
earlier to your note.

In regard to the delegates to the "Convention"
I have but little opportunity of learning their
habits or feelings on the subject. —

They are not slaveholders, nor can I learn
that there are any Clergymen in Baltimore ^{who are}

A Baltimorean told me to day that he
~~did~~ not know of such a case; & that
this is not a matter of accident, but
of purpose; — though not perhaps of
principle. Their Churches are full of
slaveholders & they justify them in it;
& would be found shoulder to shoulder
with the South on any question affecting
that subject.

Dr. Rust is the editor of the Lutheran Observer
& has little or no sympathy with any
moral reform cause — Dr. Morris has
a church of medium class, & is a medium
minister. Dr. Roberts is a physician as
well as preacher, & considered here a
very good man. General Gore told me
that they ~~will~~ not think he would hold
a slave under any circumstances.
He has no pastoral charge but is a ^{methodist} ~~pastor~~
of supernumerary in the Charles St. Ch.
Mr. Tiffany is a man of fortune &
influence. He is the chief spoke in the
wheel of that church, — is active in
public matters, as well as in the affairs

in assisting slaves. Whether he had at
any time expressed any regret, or inti-
mated that he had done wrong. He
said that he had never expressed any
such feeling, nor made the slightest
intimation of any; & he expressed his
belief that it would not have been safe
to have pardoned him; for had
he recovered his health he would doubt-
less have done the same thing again.
He believed him to have been consci-
entious & actuated by the best of
motives; & to this all present assented.
They did not blame Torrey so much as
they did "a fellow by the name of
Phelps - a great abolitionist at the
north, - who urged him on & was the
indirect cause of all his difficulties.
They spoke of Torrey as a generous open
hearted - noble specimen of a gentleman,
with a heart too full of sympathy
to resist the "over wrought appeals"
of such a man as Mr. Phelps.
He conquered their prejudices &
constrained them to respect & love him.
This conversation I presume would
not have been so free had they known
to whom they were talking - I mean
an out & out abolitionist.

Baltimore without calling on me
You will not I think have thought
of Baltimore June 19th 1846

Res. Mr. Phelps

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Dear Sir

During the performance
of the melancholy duties of preparing the
body of our beloved Torrey I embraced the
opportunity to enter into conversation
with several of the officers relative to
his last hours. The deputy warden was
with him to the last, & seemed quite attached
to him. He said that Mr. Torrey was
perfectly conscious to the "last breath";
though unable to speak. For 4 hours
he sat by his bedside wetting his lips
with an acid water, & ministering as
far as possible to his comfort; for
which he repeatedly expressed his grati-
tude in signs & looks that much
affected him. His exit was perfectly
calm & peaceful. He died without
a groan or struggle, & every indication
of a happy state of mind. He had no
doubt as to his piety - nor had any
officer in the institution -
I questioned him in regard to Mr. Torrey
feelings on the subject of his conduct

Please remember me to Mr. H. & family & let us
hear from you as often as practicable. W.C.P.